

Destination: Doncaster

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The 'Doncaster Corridor'

So close and yet so inaccessible...



The extension of tram route 48 to Doncaster Hill (Shoppingtown) is both logical and economically feasible.

The City of Manningham is home to over 110,000 residents and is the only municipality in Melbourne that lacks any form of rail or tram access.

Doncaster Hill, a designated activity centre supported by Manningham City Council, local businesses and the community, is one of just five activity centres across metropolitan Melbourne without any form of rail access.

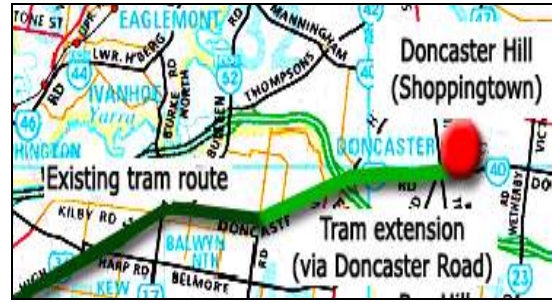
Unfortunately, investment within Doncaster Hill is stymied due to the lack of fixed infrastructure within the region.

Public transport needs:

Due to the lack of fixed rail access, Manningham operates in isolation from the rest of the public transport network. While buses do operate along the Eastern Freeway, these services are continually overcrowded and prone to traffic congestion. Despite substantial demand, public transport links to nearby municipality Boroondara, encompassing the suburbs of Kew, Camberwell, and Balwyn, are inadequate and underdeveloped.

Given the continued neglect of public transport infrastructure within Manningham, there is a need for a comprehensive and achievable strategy to ensure the region is fully integrated with the rest of Melbourne.

As explored overleaf, steps can be taken to fix the transport neglect in Manningham almost immediately and solved entirely within 5 years



The proposed train and tram connections would mitigate rising traffic congestion and provide transport choice.

Delivering for Doncaster:

Due to a reluctance to expand Melbourne’s rail network, the Government has proposed a new, expensive and inadequate bus service along the freeway that may, at best, be operational in four years. This will completely fail to address problems of overcrowding and commuter travel times.

FACTBOX:	Required public transport projects for Manningham	
	Tram (Doncaster Road)	Train (Eastern Freeway)
Total distance:	4 km (from North Balwyn)	12km (from Victoria Park)
Total cost:	\$30 million	\$400 million
Feasible completion date:	Within 12 months	By 2010
Target market:	Local activity centres, shoppers, residents	Residents, shoppers, CBD bound commuters


In the immediate term, the four-kilometre extension of tram 48 from North Balwyn to Doncaster Shoppingtown would strengthen investment within the region and enable seamless travel between the many schools, shops and residents located within Doncaster, Balwyn, Kew and Richmond.

In addition, the tram extension would allow for the redesign of the bus network to better reflect passenger needs and thus ensure improved public transport services across all of Manningham.

Doncaster needs immediate action and an end to excuses!

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